

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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**The club will be closed on Nov 10th for Veterans Day and
Nov 23rd & 24th for Thanksgiving**

It was a pleasure talking and mingling with members who attended the Annual Meeting. Before lunch, members were able to browse, restock their libraries and purchase gifts for friends and families. **A huge thank you to Marsha Ramsay and her Committee for all enticing books displayed at The Maryland Club.** The sale of these books enriches our minds while adding to the coffers of our own club. So, once again, **Thank you, Marsha Ramsay.**

In addition to all the wonderful programs coming up, please put our **Holiday Party on Thursday, December 14** on your calendar. Marilyn Tabb will once again lead members and their guests in holiday melodies.

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Wednesday, November 1. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. "Dark Athena: A Novel". Join us to welcome back author and raconteur **Arthur A. Houghton III**, who will introduce the background of his recently published book on nefarious doings at a 'fictional' American museum. "Dark Athena" centers on the sudden and mysterious appearance at the West Coast Gabriel museum of an ancient statue that raises concerns of Jason Connor, the museum's curator of antiquities. Jason cannot put his misgivings to rest. Without the knowledge of his director, Martin Pryce, he travels to Sicily, then Rome and London, to ferret out the statue's background. A thrilling novel with surprises at every turn, Dark Athena explores the meaning of authenticity, the similarities between art and human behavior, and the profound question of who should own mankind's cultural heritage. Arthur Houghton draws on his background as curator of antiquities at the J. Paul Getty Museum and his experience in the US Foreign Service to create an intricate, informed narrative. Houghton has served on the boards of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the Cyprus-American Archaeological Research Institute, the Corning Museum of Glass, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the American Numismatic Society, the Middle East Institute and American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), among others.

Wednesday, November 8. Lunch by Chance: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30. Invitations have gone out for **Lunch by Chance**, an occasional opportunity to join members you may not see regularly and their guests. Because we are a cohort of remarkable women, this is a wonderful chance to become better acquainted with members who are not always at the Club when we are. It's always encouraging to hear the responses of others who have attended in the past. Words like 'What fun' and 'Pleasantly surprising' and 'So glad I went!' are often the reactions. If you are not on the November list, sit tight -- your turn for a *chance meeting* is in the future. **All members are welcome to sign up after the November 1st deadline.**

Thursday, November 9. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Alexandra Deutsch**, Director of Collections and Interpretation at the Maryland Historical Museum. She will share the details of her curated exhibit featuring Baltimore's own Betsy Patterson Bonaparte. Her presentation is entitled "It's Complicated: The American Bonapartes and France."

Monday, November 13. French Table: 12:00-1:00. Join other Club members for an hour of conversation and lunch, *en français* with a little English, but mostly French. You don't have to be fluent to enjoy the hour -- come listen and speak when you wish. Please sign up in advance.

Tuesday, November 14. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon, discussion to follow. What do you do when your sophisticated, cosmopolitan city becomes besieged by militants who commit terrible atrocities. Somehow, you manage to survive despite being homeless due to bombings, destruction, suffering and death? But the time arrives when you must leave, knowing you may never return. What do you take? Who goes with you? Who stays behind? Come and discuss Saeed and Nadia, a young man and woman who are the book's important characters. They have met at an evening class on corporate identity and product branding. Yet, they know their familiar world will not continue. It will soon be necessary to flee. The specter of Islamic fundamentalism is quickly approaching. But where can they go? How can they get there? What if that country doesn't accept refugees, or is a country that doesn't see you as human at all? Our novel is Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. It has just been named one of the 2017 finalist for the acclaimed Man Booker prize. Our discussion will be led by **Ellen O'Brien**. Please come even if you haven't read the novel.

Thursday, November 16. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. TO THE TABLE WE GATHER: Are you Holiday ready? Whether you are hosting or guesting at events during the upcoming festive seasons, you will be looking for ideas. Popular local caterer, food journalist, recipe developer and cookbook author **Kerry Dunnington** returns to HSC just in time to provide inspiration and practical ideas for menus and preparation tips. Kerry's mantra is 'Follow the Seasons' and her creative approach to holiday gatherings will provide inspiration for us. For starters, we will get to sample her delicious turnip soup to begin our luncheon. Then she will advise on how to switch up the standards to something new, as well as offer fresh approaches on how to create new traditions for your family and friends. What's your stumbling block? A portion of the program will be an interactive question and answer session, so bring your entertaining/preparation issues 'to the table' – Kerry will offer professional problem solving. Copies of her recently published third cookbook, *The Seasonal Kitchen: Farm-Fresh Ingredients Enhance 165 Recipes* will be available for signing- guidance for your own batterie de cuisine or a perfect holiday gift.

Monday, November 20. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon. Please join us as we contemplate and try to understand the issues of the day with the help of articles by respected thinkers. Come and bring your informed views, your sense of humor, and perhaps a guest or two.

Thursday, November 30. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Heidi Daniel** joined the Enoch Pratt Free Library as President and CEO in July of 2017. She comes to Baltimore from Youngstown, OH where she served for five years as Executive Director of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County. During that time, Ms. Daniel led the system through several construction projects. She also spearheaded innovative new services, including a Pop-Up Library and the circulation of mobile Wi-Fi hot spots. In 2015, she was named Ohio Librarian of the Year. Prior to Youngstown, Ms. Daniel worked with the Houston Public Library, managing 16 branches, and earlier with the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma City. Ms. Daniel will be spearheading the implementation of additional opening hours with special emphasis on those in underserved neighborhoods and launching the new Social Worker in the Library program in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work. She and her family have already found Baltimore an exciting and welcoming and enthusiastic library city!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 14. HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Noon. 'Tis the season, so please join us for the Club's traditional holiday gathering. Following a buffet luncheon, Marilyn Tabb will play the piano upstairs for caroling or listening. Guests are most welcome. And, if you should arrive a bit early, the Upstairs Lounge will be open as usual for wine and soft drinks.

AROUND THE CLUB:

Please note: You must cancel by noon of the day prior to any event to avoid a house charge for the lunch.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Maureen E. Norton: Maureen has retired after 47 years of teaching in the Baltimore and parochial school system. She has been involved as a board member of the Lakehurst Condominium, in the Bykota Senior Center, and Sunday school at Cathedral of Mary our Queen. Her interests include current events (national and international), reading, music, art, education, history and mah jong. Thanks to her sponsors, Sheila Peter and Martha Delea.

Leslie Miriam Sandler: Leslie is an Education Supervisor at Stevenson University. She is on the Brandeis National Committee and a board member and co-chair of their Live and Learn Program. She is interested in French culture and language, bridge, mah jong, needlepoint, bookclubs, and socializing. Thank you to Mimi Cooper and Jerriann Wilson for introducing her to the club.